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TAGS: OVIP, MARR, AC

SUBJ: VISIT BY ANTIGUAN PREMIER

REFS: (A) STATE 124964, (B) BRIDGETOWN 1269

1. PURSUANT TO TELEPHONE REQUEST BY ARA/CAR THAT EMBASSY ADVISE GOA OF SUBSTANCE OF STATEMENT AT END OF PARA 2, REFTEL (A) (STATEMENT HAD BEEN CAPTIONED "FYI"), I CALLED PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ERIC CHALLENGER LAST WEEK AND INFORMED HIM ACCORDINGLY. TODAY, (JUNE 13), CHALLENGER CALLED BACK TO SAY THAT PREMIER UNDERSTOOD THE SITUATION AND WAS MORE INTERESTED IN SITTING IN ON A SESSION OF CONGRESS, THAN IN TALKING TO INDIVIDUAL CONGRESSMEN. CHALLENGER ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT PREMIER WAS VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN CALLING ON UNDER SECRETARY HABIB AND APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF USAID AND OTHER AGENCIES THAT COULD ASSIST IN RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS RAISED DURING NEGOTIATIONS FOR US MILITARY FACILITIES AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF APPOINTMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR HIM WITH SUCH OFFICIALS.

2. ACCORDING TO CHALLENGER, BIRD'S PARTY WILL IN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CLUDE ALL THOSE PRESENT DURING NEGOTIATIONS IN ST. JOHN'S, EXCEPT SENATOR MARSHALL AND POSSIBLY DEPUTY PREMIER LESTER BIRD, AND, IN ADDITION, MAJOR DENNIS GARDNER, AIDE-DE-CAMP TO THE PREMIER.

3. BIRD AND COLLEAGUES EXPECT TO ARRIVE IN U.S. ON JUNE 26. THEIR TRAVEL PLANS ARE NOT YET FIRM, HOWEVER,

AND CHALLENGER PROMISED TO LET THE EMBASSY KNOW	WHEN
THEY ARE.	
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